<u>Forest Land- Gadchiroli</u>

Diversion of 1.1968 ha. Forest Land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of VR-340, MDR-22, SH-381,VR-160, VR-15, ODR-22, VR-153, ODR-21 and VR-146 from Pandewahi (S) to Pirimili in Etapalli and Aheri Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR-116/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 19.05.2023

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-418933/97/2023-24, Dated 11/04/2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.1968 ha. Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of VR-340, MDR-22, SH-381,VR-160, VR-15, ODR-22, VR-153, ODR-21 and VR-146 from Pandewahi (S) to Pirimili in Etapalli and Aheri Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant 'In-Principle' approval to the diversion of 1.1968 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of VR-340, MDR-22, SH-381,VR-160, VR-15, ODR-22, VR-153, ODR-21 and VR-146 from Pandewahi (S) to Pirimili in Etapalli and Aheri Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Beat	Village Name	New Comp. No.	Survey No. / Gut No.	L. in Mtr.	W. in Mtr	Area in Ha.	Legal status
1	Gurpalli	Pandewahi S.	-	125	257.7	0.45	0.0116	PF
2	Tumargunda	Tumargunda Kh	656, 1139	27	1947.5	0.45	0.0876	RF
3	Tumargunda	Tumargunda bz	1568	14	740	0.45	0.0333	PF
4	Tumargunda	Tumargunda bz	1134	56	648.5	0.45	0.0292	PF
5	Tumargunda	Aldandi M	1578	8	1830	0.45	0.0824	PF
6	Udera	Udera S	1168, 1185, 661	201	2430	0.45	0.1094	RF

7	Mirkal	Mirkal	1199	150	1148	0.45	0.0517	PF
8	Burgi 2	Burgi S	1451	182	722.2	0.45	0.0325	PF
9	Burgi 2	Burgi S	1453	2	345	0.45	0.0155	PF
10	Burgi 2	Burgi S	1456	288	1370	0.45	0.0617	PF
11	Burgi 2	Fundi M	1585	41	410	0.45	0.0185	PF
12	Kandoli-2	Kandoli S	682	308	1586	0.45	0.0714	RF
13	Yemli	Udera S	1169	2	649	0.45	0.0292	PF
14	Yemli	Udera S	1172, 1174	2	366	0.45	0.0165	PF
15	Yemli	Udera S	1173	-	568	0.45	0.0256	PF
16	Yemli	Yemli	674	382	2310	0.45	0.1040	RF
17	Yemli	Yemli	676	109	1116	0.45	0.0502	RF
18	Yemli	Yemli	677	109	1278	0.45	0.0575	RF
19	Mangutha	Mangutha M	1705	6	1394	0.45	0.0627	PF
20	Mangutha	Mangutha M	1704	5	948	0.45	0.0427	PF
21	Koreli bz.	Koreli bz.	738, 1435, 1438	14, 42	3078	0.45	0.1385	PF
22	Koreli bz.	Koreli bz.	741	48	547	0.45	0.0246	RF
23	Pirmili	Pirmili	695	23	907.5	0.45	0.0408	RF
						Total	**1.1968**	

2. **This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-**

1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land at village- Burgi S (Survey No. / Gut No. 288), village- Fundi M (Survey No. / Gut No. 41) & village- Mangutha M (Survey No. / Gut No. 5 & 6), village- Udera S (New Comp. No. 1173), along with Stage-I compliance.
3) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure that, proposed Forest land is not a part of Wildlife / Tiger Corridor, before granting working permission.
4) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
5) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.45 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
6) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.

7) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

8) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.

9) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

10) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.

11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.

12) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.

13) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

14) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.

15) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.

16) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.

17) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.

18) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.

19) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

20) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.

21) The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.

22) The User Agency after implementation of the project shall provide internet broadband connection of 100 Mbps speed to Pirmili Range Office.

23) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.

24) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.

25) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.

26) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202305191805506419. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Allapalli.
11. M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune.
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